

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Laberge et al.**
Serial No.: 09/819,496
Filed: March 28, 2001
Group Art Unit: 1615
Examiner: R. M. Joynes
For: **Pulverulent Mannitol And Process For Preparing It**

PROPOSED AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP NON-FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This proposed amendment is being submitted for discussion purposes at the interview with Examiner Joynes on October 15, 2003.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-31. (Canceled)

Claim 32. (Currently Amended) A pulverulent mannitol having:

an average diameter of between [60]80 and [200]180 μm ;

a packed bulk density, determined according to the method specified in the operating instructions for the HOSOKAWA P.T.N. powder tester, of between [0.65] 0.70 and [0.85] 0.80 g/ml;

a flow factor of at least 60.